

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

ASYA TOKAREVA,

Plaintiff,

– against –

SECURITY SERVICE PROVIDER CORP.,

Defendant.

ORDER

20 Civ. 9867 (ER)

RAMOS, D.J.:

On December 2, 2020, Defendant, through its alleged owner, filed a letter requesting to proceed *pro se* in the instant suit. Doc. 7. This Circuit has made clear that “a layperson may not represent a separate legal entity such as a corporation.” *Lattanzio v. COMTA*, 481 F.3d 137, 139 (2d Cir. 2007). Accordingly, “a company may not appear *pro se* but rather must be represented by counsel.” *Omega Consulting v. Farrington Mfg. Co.*, 604 F. Supp. 2d 684, 684 (S.D.N.Y. 2009). Defendant’s request to appear without counsel is therefore denied. Failure to have counsel appear on behalf of the corporation may result in the entry of a default judgment against Defendant.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 7, 2020
New York, New York



EDGARDO RAMOS, U.S.D.J.